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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS WESTERN NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Scottsbluff, Neb., May 25, 2006**—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded a \$41,800 grant to the Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) in Scottsbluff, Neb. USDA funds, with an additional \$42,000 from the college, will be used to support business development in the rural communities of 11 Nebraska Panhandle counties.

“The USDA assistance will help to strengthen the Entrepreneur and Discovery Program at WNCC in the development of new and existing entrepreneurial businesses in the college’s service area,” stated Charles Karpf, director for the Entrepreneur and Discovery Program of WNCC.

The grant will support the formation of small and emerging businesses, business development, expansion or enhancement, technical assistance and education for the counties of Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan and Sioux. Assistance will be provided via the Entrepreneur and Discovery Program located in the Center for Business Information Technology of WNCC.

“It is a pleasure to work with WNCC and to assist them with the funding needed to help provide essential tools through the Entrepreneur and Discovery Program for establishing new entrepreneurs and for building stronger businesses in the Panhandle,” stated Tim Brooks, rural development manager for USDA Rural Development.

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